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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Tetsujiro KONDO et al.  
Serial No. : 10/005,029  
Filed : December 3, 2001  
For : PICTURE ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Examiner : Mark E. Wallerson  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application **Technology Center 2600**

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	62	Minus	= 62	0 x	\$18(9)	= \$00.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	= 3	0 x	\$86(43)	= 00.00
				Total additional fee for this amendment		\$00.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 (\$145) has been previously paid \_\_, or is paid herewith \_\_.
- ☒ This response is being filed within the second month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a two-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$420.00 is attached.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: